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CHARLESTON MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

In matters prosecuted by the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia:

Charleston, WV – **Jashar Morris, 21, of Charleston, WV**, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin to 10 years in prison. Morris previously plead guilty in July to possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of cocaine base ("crack"), and to carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

In sentencing Morris, Judge Goodwin stated that Morris had "richly earned" his sentence based on his criminal conduct. Furthermore, Judge Goodwin stated that the combination of guns and drugs would get defendants in about as much trouble in his courtroom as they could get into. Judge Goodwin further stated that he will not tolerate the dangerous combination of guns and drugs in his courtroom.

This case was investigated by the Charleston Area Anti-Gang Task Force. The Task Force is composed of selected law enforcement officers from the FBI; the US Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco,

Firearms, and Explosives; the Kanawha County Sheriffs Department; and the Charleston Police Department.

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